



St Thomas CE Academy Birmingham Proposed changes to the Admissions Policy 2024 - 2025

Current	Proposed changes
<p>Priority 1: Children looked after by a Local Authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to the school and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following having been looked after. From September 2021, this includes those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.</p>	<p>Priority 1: Children looked after by a Local Authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to the school and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following having been looked after. This includes those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.</p>
<p>Priority 2: Children with siblings at St Thomas Academy at time of entry. (Siblings as defined by Birmingham Local Authority)</p>	<p>Priority 2: Children with sibling(s) at St Thomas Academy at time of entry.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street (www.achurchnearyou.com), and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends the local Church of England Parish Church (St Luke's Church, Great Colmore Street).</p>	<p>Priority 3: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street (www.achurchnearyou.com), and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends the local Church of England Parish Church (St Luke's Church, Great Colmore Street or Gas Street Church, Gas Street).</p>
<p>Priority 4: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street, and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends another Christian Church **.</p>	<p>Priority 4: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street, and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends another Christian Church **.</p>
<p>Priority 5: Children who live nearest the school.</p> <p>* In each case of a faith claim under priority 3 or 4 above, regular church attendance means attending at least twice a month at public worship for 12 months immediately preceding the Local Authority's deadline date for applications. This must be confirmed by the relevant minister completing the relevant part of the school's Supplementary Information Form (available from the school website: https://www.allsaintsmat.school/page/?title=Admissions&pid=46).</p>	<p>Priority 5: Children who live nearest the school.</p> <p>* In each case of a faith claim under priority 3 or 4 above, regular church attendance means attending at least twice a month at public worship for 12 months immediately preceding the Local Authority's deadline date for applications. This must be confirmed by the relevant minister completing the relevant part of the school's Supplementary Information Form (available from the school website: https://www.allsaintsmat.school/page/?title=Admissions&pid=46).</p>

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www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-04/list_of_designated_churches_3_oct_18.pdf

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Additional note:

5. An application under criterion 4 by a family moving into the Parish of St Luke's, Great Colmore Street must be supported by a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) signed by the Clergy/Church leader of their previous Church of England or other Christian church (as defined in the Admissions Policy 2024-25), confirming attendance by the parent/guardian at least twice a month for the 12 months prior to the LA's deadline date for applications (or, in the case of an in-year application for the 12 months prior to the application being made) or which, when combined with a SIF confirming more recent attendance at a local CE or Christian church, together confirms attendance at least twice a month for the required 12 months.